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MARCH

YIPPEE!!! In just a few more days spring will be here! Now we can get out and do some serious digging! Everyone I talk with seems to have a bad case of spring fever, and I can't think of a better cure than to get out into the great outdoors and breathe some clean fresh air. Those of you who made it to our outing on February 26th will verify that we had a great time, even though it was a little wet and cold. We couldn't work Camp Floyd, it was too muddy. We stopped off at Ajax and made a long trek through sagebrush until we reached some old foundations and bottle dumps. We didn't stay too long because a storm moved in, but just before we left, a friend of Hank's, Scott Hammond, dug an old harmonica. A few weeks ago, Bruce and a friend, Ken Lambson, found an old blue medicinal bottle with the name, "Rawlings", imprinted in it. Bruce found it lying beside a bottle dump under a clump of sagebrush. I'm certain that many other treasures lie hidden in Ajax, all we need is the time to search!

We're planning our next dig on Saturday, March 26th at Homansville, outside of Eureka. A few years ago, JoAnn and George Rogers were digging there and found an old glass candy container shaped like a ship. We're hoping for nice weather, so everyone will join us. Meet at Lehi crossroads at 9:00 a.m.

A special "Thank you", goes to Dave and Rosalie Capson, for printing our newsletter each month. Without their generosity, we would not be able to communicate with our members. We appreciate both of you so much.

I want all of you "NUTS" to know how much Hank and I enjoy belonging to this club. Each of you have made us feel truly welcome, and we hope that as time passes, we'll get to know you better!

Linda





IMPORTANT!!!! Some of you are confused as to when we hold our monthly meetings at the Redwood Multi-purpose Center. They are always held the 4th Thursday of the month. On months with five Thursday's, we will still hold our meetings on the 4th Thursday.

DON'T FORGET!!! At our March 24th meeting we want each of you to bring some collectables to display. The room will be open at 6:00 that evening for those who would like to come early to set up. FANTASTIC PRIZES will be awarded to winners! First place adult category will receive a rosette with a SILVER DOLLAR in the center! First place junior category will receive a rosette with SILVER HALF as a prize!!!

NOTE: In our last edition of the TOKEN HUNTER, I informed you of our new Post Office Box number. I made an error when typing the zip code. The corrected address is as follows:
National Utah Token Society
P.C. Box 510392
Salt Lake City, Utah
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As an added incentive to attend our monthly meetings, beginning at our March 24th meeting, each member will be given one ticket per meeting attended. Keep these tickets, and we will hold a special drawing at our Christmas party using only those attendance tickets. The prize will be very special!

We want each of you to invite guests to our meetings and digs. We welcome them and would like to increase our membership. However, we feel that we must set a three month time limit before we ask them to buy a membership. I'm sure we'll have no problems in this area, because it won't take them nearly that long to decide just how much fun we have.

We have some great prizes to be given away in this month's drawing at our March meeting.

Harry Campbell graciously donated the following pieces:

(R1) Annex, octagonal

(R2) Cottonwood Dairy, two pieces

Fromontory Point Golden Spike plastic commemorative
Randy Meiser is willing to part with one of his treasures:
A blank check, "The State Bank of Utah", dated 1890's.
Our final prize is a beauty!

(R6) Glenwood Co-op, good for 5¢ in merch. at retail.
Reverse side is the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake.

Lucky Frank and Deanna Sommer! They've just spent several days basking in the sun at Palm Springs!

David Freed recently purchased a nice Utah Fuel Co. Token.

While detecting in Liberty Park recently, John Atterbury dug a sterling silver ring with a diamond set in it!

Jo Ann Rogers parents traveled to St. George a couple of weeks ago and decided to head over to Mesquite, Nevada to drop a few nickels. When they drove up to the door of a hotel, a large crowd was gathering outside. They asked someone standing near what was going on. A Back-hoe, digging a foundation hole had just picked up a bag full of GOLD COINS! I sure hope the operator got to keep them and not the hotel or Uncle Sam!



NOTICE!!! If you have tried to reach me by phone and have gotten a busy signal, we have two teenagers at home and it's sometimes difficult to get through! If you have something you'd like printed in the bulletin and you get a busy signal at my home, 943-1C25, JoAnn Rogers will be glad to relay any messages to me. Her number is, 966-1640. Thanks, JoAnn!!

I'd like to thank Phil Lavorgna for sending me an article from the "Intermountain Catholic", February 25, 1983. Msgr. William H. McDougall wrote and item entitled, and I quote,

"Storms Transform Beaches Into Treasure Chests"

"Ill winds and waves have been ravaging California beaches recently, as you know from news dispatches, but they have also proved true the old axiom that "tis an ill wind which blows nobody good."

Treasure hunters with their metal detectors have been having phenomenal luck finding coins, rings and other jewelry long buried deep in the sands but now closer to the surface because beaches have been severely eroded by pounding surf.

As one San Diego hunter, Al Szabo, said: "the beach is like an upside down cake, turned over by waves and tides."

Szabo keeps a log. His January findings in the "beach cake" were: 12 silver half dollars, 41 quarters, 254 dimes, 515 "wheat" pennies, 25 "war nickels" dated between 1943 and 1945, one Spanish dollar, 47 rings of which 23 were silver and 4 were gold, and medallions and St. Christopher medals too numerous to record."

Msgr. McDougall goes on to say that recent storms have been the most severe in many years. Winter storms sweep away sand, and spring storms bring it back. Heavy trucks are sometimes used to bring in new sand to the beaches. Opinions are that recent storms have uncovered depths from 18" to 4 feet and articles that have been buried from 30 to 50 years have been uncovered.

Recently, two coin shooters found rings which were appraised at \$10,000 and \$14,000. People lose rings because the cold water contracts fingers, already slippery from sun tan oil.

Msgr. McDougall said that he found the "coin shooters" cheerful people, willing to answer questions but anxious not to lose precious time talking, for his loss may be someone else's gain.

Thanks, Phil. What a fascinating bit of news! Maybe we could plan a dig to the West Coast!!!

